

TRAINING FOR NFIRS Software Version 5.3.2

The Tennessee Fire Marshal's Office can provide TFIRS training in small groups or through the Tennessee Fire Service and Codes Enforcement Academy. But there are several user-friendly self-training tools available as well.

1. Go to www.nfirs.fema.gov/software.htm . Look for a heading on the left called User Section. It's in orange. For training on the software, click on the link called Tutorial. There are three PowerPoint presentations. You may download these or open them online.
2. Although it's not necessary to consult a coding manual, you may want to download a copy of the **NFIRS 5.0 Reference Guide** for reference purposes. At the same website, look for the link called Reference Guide under the heading User Section. Double-click to download. An abbreviated version called the **NFIRS 5.0 Quick Reference Guide** is also available on the same page.
3. Paper forms corresponding to each data entry screen are available. You may want to use Version 5 paper forms for local data collection. You can print a paper copy of each form and make photocopies as needed. At the same website as above, look for the link called Design Documentation. Click on this link and look for another link called **NFIRS50PaperForms**. Double-click to download.
4. A **self-study version of the TFIRS/NFIRS coding class** is also now available. The website is <http://www.usfa.fema.gov/inside-usfa/nfdc/nfirs/nfirs6.shtm> . Find the link called NFIRS 5.0 Self-Study. Click on Download Course Materials. Modules 1-5 are required, the rest are optional. Each module has a completed incident as an example found in an appendix. Begin with **module1.pdf** and **AppAScenario01-2.pdf**.
5. A web-based reporting tool for output reports that summarize your activity is also available. Go to <https://reporting.nfirs.fema.gov/nfirsweb/webBasedReporting.htm> . After logging in, look for the Documentation link. Double-click to download a manual for the tool.